

## 100<sup>th</sup> Division Hosts US Army Reserve Awareness Day

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The 100<sup>th</sup> Division (Institutional Training), U.S. Army Reserve, headquartered in Louisville, Kentucky hosted 29 congressional staff members representing elected officials from both the House and Senate for the U.S. Army Reserve Awareness Day April 19 through 21, 2002.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Division (IT), in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Army Reserve, Washington, D.C.; the OCAR Ambassadors; US Army Reserve Command, Fort McPherson, Georgia; and the 81st Regional Support Command, Birmingham, Alabama sponsored the US Army Reserve Awareness Day. The event helped educate and define the role and mission of the Army Reserve through the use of briefings, training demonstrations, and static and interactive displays. The staffers viewed and touched some of the Active Army and Army Reserve's latest technology.



Brig. Gen. (P) Charles Gorton watches on, as the staffers prepare to tackle their next obstacle.



Brian Smith, representing Congressman Ron Lewis of Kentucky, flashes an approving thumbs up after he successfully scales the cargo net.

"I wanted to know what your mission is. Not the one weekend a month, two weeks a year, but what's not always in a brochure," said Philip Hayes representing Congressman Ron Lewis of Kentucky.

The Congressional staffers endured a full program of events on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>. They spent their morning driving high tech armored vehicle simulators, firing automatic weapons, and testing themselves on the confidence course. The staffers were then transported via CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters to view the Urban Warfare Training Center on Fort Knox before flying to Louisville.

The staffers participated in a Weapons of Mass Destruction decontamination exercise conducted by members of the 326<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company on the front lawn 100<sup>th</sup> Division Headquarters Building. A few staffers courageously volunteered to be simulated victims during the demonstration in order to get first hand experience.



Robert Primus, representing Congressman Michael Capuano of Massachusetts, receives guidance on loading the Squad Automatic Weapon.



Staff Sgt. Samuel Woosley instructs Russell Smith how to adjust his aim. Russell Smith represents the DC Subcommittee for Governmental Reform